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To be able to sit down to a meal well cooked, and served complete to the smallest detail, —that is what you will find when you eat here—served by an efficient and courteous staff.

As another small item of our service we have recently installed the new Orthophone, the very latest gramophone development. This machine will play from 10 a.m. till midnight. Come in and hear it.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

COMMERCIAL CAFE

RED DEER FAIR

Financial Statement and Election of Officers

P. C. PEDERSON NEW PRESIDENT

The annual meeting of the directors of the Red Deer Agricultural Society was held at the city hall on Saturday afternoon, with Mr. H. G. Stone, president, in the chair, and Mr. Ralph Patterson, secretary. There were also present Messrs. Dan Bower, H. Gool, L. E. Brown, E. S. Hogg, D. W. McKinnon, G. W. Smith, M.P.P., A. Speckman, M.P.P., J. A. Cruickshank, D. S. Smith, H. Wilson, E. W. Bjorkeland, J. Malcolm, P. Pederson, F. W. Galbraith.

The Judges' Report

The four government judges: Dairy Cattle—J. H. Laycock; Heavy Horses—H. A. Galbraith; Light Horses—E. H. T. Lewis; and Beef Cattle—Leo Bowers, reported on their visit to the 1925 Fair with the following judgment as to the various entries and management.

	Award	Max.
Horses	36	40
Cattle	36	40
Sheep and Swine	35	40
Vegetables	29	40
Ladies' Department	24	40
Support of local exhibitors	43	60
Grounds	39	40
Interest of public in judging	31	40
Management	57	60

Mr. Patterson presented the following financial statement for the year, audited by Mr. W. E. Freeman:

	Receipts
Entry fees	\$ 730.56
Donations	69.52

Grants	5129.06
Membership fees	83.00
Concessions	698.78
Gates	1003.99
Grandstand	258.50
Booths	255.00
Dance	30.65
Sundry	6.00
	\$8588.04

Disbursements	
Agricultural prizes	\$117.10
Race prizes	191.50
Fair Association	65.00
Delegates' expenses	60.00
Attractions	1053.95
Date and ticket sellers	77.93
Interest and exchange	18.53
Labor	75.29
Advertising and printing	642.25
Salaries	325.00
Repairs	187.40
Supplies	154.13
Judges' fees	65.80
Notes retired	786.25
Police work	24.00
Refunds	11.00
Cartage	19.15
Wiring and lights	25.10
Sundry	141.56
	\$8099.95

Balance, receipts over disbursements	797.09
	\$8888.04

The President and the Secretary commented on the report and gave details as to the various items. The receipts were better in some respects than in 1924, but the very wet weather—the worst the Show had encountered for years—put a crimp in their gate and grandstand receipts, especially the second day. They had hoped to clear up their liabilities this year, but that hope had to be postponed owing to the weather conditions of the Fair. The President spoke of the office, telephone and other charges that the Society had been saved this year. Mr. Hogg had

found out that the rain insurance companies would have insured them for less money in August than they would in July, as July carried more risk of rain than August, so they had been rather unfortunate with such bad weather in August.

Attractions

The question of attractions was discussed by Messrs. Bjorkeland, Cruickshank, Hogg, Malcolm, Patterson, Pederson, and others. Mr. Bjorkeland thought that, in view of the approaching closing off of the Dominion government grant, they must set their house in order, and he thought they had best begin by dispensing with the midway and other special attractions. A local band would be enough, when the Dominion grant was cut off. He would have special judging competitions, have the horses judged in front of the grandstand, etc. Mr. Cruickshank favored putting a stampede on next year; they had been very successful at Innisfail, Stettler, etc. This proposition met with some opposition; the return of the Edmonton Newsboys' Band was suggested, and the general programme of 1926. Mr. Hogg reviewed their relations with other Class B Fairs; he would hesitate before breaking too far away from the policy in attractions of the other Class B Fairs. The matter of attractions was referred to the new board.

Votes of Thanks

Cordial votes of thanks were tendered to the Western Canada Fairs Association delegates of 1925—Messrs. Hogg and Patterson—and also to the officers and directors of 1925. Mr. Hogg speaking kindly of the faithful service of the President, Mr. Stone, and paying high tribute to the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Ralph Patterson, the best man on the ground, and a great asset to the Fair.

Nomination of Officers

Messrs. Hogg, D. S. Smith and Malcolm were appointed the Nominating Committee, and their report was adopted as follows:—Hon. President—H. G. Stone; President—P. Pederson; First Vice-Pres.—E. W. Bjorkeland; Second Vice-Pres.—Jas. Jarvis; Directors—W. Milne, John Carrawell, B. Greig, J. J. Richards, R. A. Van Slyke, J. E. White, E. S. Hogg, H. K. Byers, A. L. Forrester, W. E. Lord, J. J. Gaez, R. E. Pliske, J. Malcolm, D. W. McKinnon, E. B. Day, J. Morton, J. Cruickshank, Geo. Norris, L. E. Brown, D. S. Smith, H. Wilson, F. Garbutt, A. D. Bower, J. McCann, S. D. Blair, M. P. McColl, W. H. Evans, H. Goodacre; Mesdames McKinnon, Bjorkeland, Tallman, Wilson, Parks, Houghton, H. G. Stone, J. J. Gaez, Malcolm, W. Milne, D. S. Smith, Hogg; Ex-officio—A. Speckman, M.P.P.; G. W. Smith, M.P.P.; Mayor Johns, Reeve of North Red Deer.

At a meeting of the Directors afterwards, Mr. Ralph Patterson was re-appointed Secretary-Treasurer at a salary of \$250. President Pederson was appointed delegate to the W.C. Fairs Association convention at Regina, and Mr. Bjorkeland and Mr. Patterson were appointed delegates to the Alberta Fairs Association convention at Edmonton.

RHONDDA WELSH MALE CHOIR CONCERT

A GREAT MUSICAL TREAT

The Rotary Club deserve the thanks of all the citizens of Red Deer for their bringing of the Rhondda Welsh Choir to the city on Friday last. The concert given in the United Church was one of the most enjoyable entertainments that Red Deer has had for a very long time. There was an excellent attendance, though there were a few seats vacant, and the enthusiasm was shown from start to finish of the programme. It was a long programme, given with a minimum of delays and intervals, and with a generosity in the matter of encores which was much appreciated by the audience. The choir was conducted by Professor Tom Morgan, who could not only conduct but also sing, and the piano accompanist was Professor Emily Jones, whose playing possessed the true merit of good accompanying in that it was noticeably skilful and beautiful without ever dominating the singers or either solos or concerted pieces. The programme opened with the famous "Men of Harlech," sung in Welsh by the chorus, and this opening item at once indicated the all-around high quality of the choir. The individual voices were rich and true, and the training and blending of them were so good that the effects produced under the skilful conducting was most beautiful, and marked by a delicate taste which never subordinated quality to power. The choruses included "On the Sea," "Away to the Forest," "A Marching Song," being a fine setting of "The Blue Bonnets Over the Border," "The Italian Salad," a quaint melody made up of Italian musical terms with a tenor obligato sung by what most people agreed was the finest voice in the whole company, somewhat surprisingly not otherwise heard in solo work, and others. The duet, "Crucifix," was finely done, and this was one occasion when an encore was not given though it was warmly asked for. The quartette, "A Catastrophe," while it was amusing and well sung, was perhaps hardly as good a piece as might have been allotted to the singers, and the audience would have welcomed a larger measure of both dramatic and musical interest. Of the solo possibly the outstanding one was that sung by Walter Evans, baritone, "The Desert." This was a song of highly dramatic type, sung with great expression, and with an accompaniment as distinctive as the song itself. It was magnificently done, and the singer choosing as his encore the simple old song, "Daddy," produced an effect on his audience which was more of a compliment than the most riotous applause would have been. Robert Hopkins, baritone, sang "The Making of a King" not only with a voice of the fine quality of that of his colleagues but with a distinctiveness of enunciation that was notably excellent, while his namesake, Edward Hopkins, bass, younger singer than

most of the others, sang "O Isle and Ostrich" with a voice of such richness that it seemed to have unlimited reserves to draw on even for the deepest of notes without a suggestion of effort. Of the tenor songs possibly the two most attractive were W. Tudor Williams singing of "Charming Chloe" and a song from "La Boheme," "Your Tiny Hand is Frozen," sung by William Phillips. Only in the case of one voice was there the very slightest cause for anything but the most favourable comment, that being a voice which seemed to contain a slightly nasal quality suggesting that its possessor had been for some time in the Eastern States. The well known "Miserere" duet and chorus was sung very effectively, and perhaps the mention should be made of a singularly cheery item, the "Gipsy Laughing Chorus," but where practically everything was of high standard it is not easy to single out particular items for special mention. The long programme was brought to an end by the singing of the Welsh national anthem, "Land of My Fathers," by the choir, with the audience standing followed by "God Save the King." The comments of all who attended the concert were wholly enthusiastic, and the Rotary Club can be assured that their trouble and enterprise in arranging the concert had the result of giving to a large number of Red Deer people an evening of unalloyed pleasure. While the financial results will not leave any balance over worth mentioning, it is satisfactory to know that the Club has not been the losers in providing this treat for the city, and it is to be hoped that they will be encouraged to follow it up with others of the same high quality.

POLICE COURT

In the police court last week, before Magistrate Lawrence, Mrs. Stevenard and Germaine DePauw were each fined \$20.00 and costs for an infraction of the liquor act. Charles Gordon and Ferdinand Reinhold were fined \$50.00 and costs for disorderly conduct.

BINGLEY

Mr. George Diggins, Sr., met with a very serious accident last Monday night. On his way home after dark he fell down a declivity and broke three ribs and had several lacerations. He also received a serious injury to his heart. He was attended by Doctor Hill, of Mountain House, and is doing as well as can be reasonably expected.

The school was closed for Christmas holidays to reopen on January 4th, 1926. The Christmas tree in the school house was quite successful. Pupils and friends of the school took part in the concert with songs, recitations, dialogues and music. During the year money has been raised by entertainments and donations to place new siding on the building, the work being completed the very day of the concert.

The teacher has left for Calgary to spend part of his vacation and is expected to resume work after vacation.

May Your Christmas
be Happy
and
Your New Year
filled
with sunshine
E. G. JOHNSON

Wishing One and All
A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

and
A BRIGHT AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
DON McLEVIN

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We intend to reduce our stock as much as possible. This, therefore, is the time for you to buy. Come and inspect our bargains. No reasonable offer refused. Do not fail to take advantage of our coupon scheme.

We are absolutely GIVING AWAY FREE \$75.00 worth of merchandise before to-morrow night.

Don't you want some of it?

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EMPRESS THEATRE

For Three Days---Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of This Week

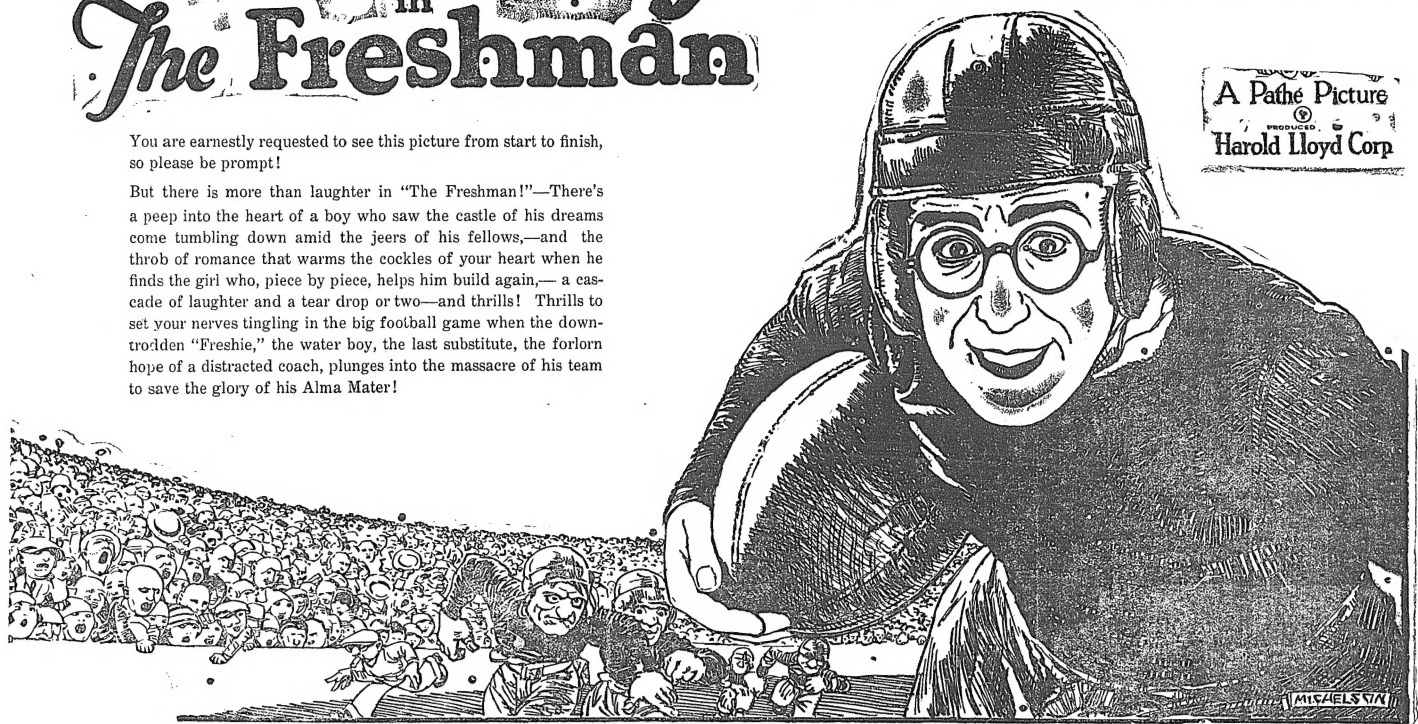
Harold Lloyd in The Freshman

You are earnestly requested to see this picture from start to finish, so please be prompt!

But there is more than laughter in "The Freshman"—There's a peep into the heart of a boy who saw the castle of his dreams come tumbling down amid the jeers of his fellows,—and the throb of romance that warms the cockles of your heart when he finds the girl who, piece by piece, helps him build again,—a cascade of laughter and a tear drop or two—and thrills! Thrills to set your nerves tingling in the big football game when the down-trodden "Freshie," the water boy, the last substitute, the forlorn hope of a distracted coach, plunges into the massacre of his team to save the glory of his Alma Mater!

PRICES. COMMENCING TODAY
Adults, 65c. Children, 25c and 45c.
Times of showing 7.30 and 9.30. Saturday Matinee 2.30

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We extend to all the Season's Compliments.
Wishing You and Yours A Merry Christmas

Shoe Section



Dress Slippers for the holiday parties and dances. In black kid, patent, or satin, on Cuban and the new Spanish heels—the ideal Christmas gift. In B, C, D and E widths \$4.95 to \$10.00

Party Slippers for the growing girl, in four dressy styles, on low heel lasts, in one-strap styles with cut work and square toes. In black kid and patent leathers. All sizes \$3.95 to \$4.95



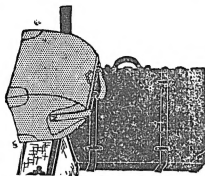
Smart Oxfords in a new shade of medium tan on a good fitting last, Goodyear welted soles, and low rubber heels. A serviceable gift. All sizes \$5.50

Women's Felt Slippers—A special value in a good grade of plaid felt with felt insole and leather outsole. In all sizes \$1.25



Women's Juliet Slippers—The older women's favorite—Made of warm felt with felt insole and leather outer sole and heel. The top is fur-trimmed. In brown and grey \$1.95 and \$2.25

Men's Felt Slippers—A full range of Christmas stock in plain colored and plaid felts, with felt and leather soles. All sizes. Priced \$1.35 to \$2.75



FOR THE TRAVELLER—Something in luggage in all ways acceptable. A Suitcase, Club Bag, or even a Trunk, is a gift that would last for years. Come in and see our assortment.

For Father and Brother

HANDKERCHIEFS

This year we are showing a big display of handkerchiefs for men and boys. Initialed and plain linen, pongee and colored silk handkerchiefs solve some of your gifts.

TIES



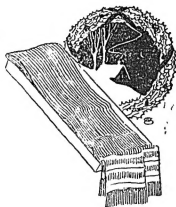
What man has enough ties? We have a large assortment to choose from in the newest crepes, silks and Magdar stripes.

GIVE HIM HOSIERY



Every man needs more socks. We are sure to have what he wears—silk, silk and wool and cashmere in plain and fancy designs.

SCARFS



Just the thing to please him in pure wool or knitted silk in pleasing shades. Something he will appreciate.

GARTERS, SUSPENDERS, AND ARMBAND SETS

A big range of these useful articles, put up single or in sets, in fancy boxes.

GIVE GLOVES



Gloves of every worthy kind in lined or unlined—buckskin, pig skin, kid, mocha and wool.

Suggestions for Mother and Sister

BLOUSES

Since Blouses have taken a definite place in the wardrobe, and the present trend is toward giving practical



gifts, a choice from our smart collection of over-blouses is sure to make a worthy Christmas remembrance.

SWEATERS

A sweater is a gift of warmth—a gift of utility and smartness—and suggests itself when a remembrance of something different yet practical is wanted. In many styles and colors.

BLOOMERS



Bloomers of broadcloth, shot satin, and habitau silk make a gift that would delight any young girl.

SILK UNDERWEAR

Knitted silk underwear in dainty shades in vests and bloomers would be greatly appreciated, for everyone loves dainty underwear.

SLIPS

New Tricolette Slips in shades to match the silk underwear in fine quality, double skirt to waist. Also habitau silk, shot silk and satin slips for wearing with light dresses.

APRONS

These make a practical gift and yet they are so pretty. Made of bright-colored chintz and black sateen in many new and novel styles.

SKIRTS

Anyone would appreciate a gift of this kind, and what could be more useful than a Pleated Crepe Skirt?

TOQUES

Toques make dainty Xmas gifts, especially to those who skate. Heavy Jumbo knit in bright colors and brushed wool.

LINEN

Every girl has a "Hope Chest," and what would be nicer than some piece of linen that you know she would like.

Swiss Centres in cut work design 85c and \$1.95
Pure Linen D'Oylies in cut work pattern, 9 inches to 20 inches 75c to \$2.25

SCARFS

SCARFS occupy an important place in gift lists in crepe de chene or knitted silk in many bright shades.

A HANDBAG FOR SOMEONE

Who wouldn't love to receive a new handbag for



Christmas, in patent leather or fine grain leather? A large variety to choose from.

HOSIERY



Hosiery will solve the problem—"What shall I give her?"—satisfactorily, especially if they bear the stamp of such popular brands as Holeproof and Mercury.

GLOVES



Gloves are such useful gifts that they are certain to meet with favor. One first thinks of "Dress Gloves," but don't forget those for driving and sports wear.

HANDKERCHIEFS



Handkerchiefs may be likened to our list of friends—we can never have too many. Stocks are at their Xmas best and at any price you intend paying.

TOWELS



A Towel Set makes a most useful gift to a young girl. One bath towel and wash cloth with colored jacquard pattern in neat gift box. Single towels also are very acceptable.



Gifts for Baby



Large and well assorted line of Bootees, Jackets, Mitts, Caps, Toques, and also Dresses of fine voile, white silk and ponge silk. Mothers appreciate practical gifts.

FOR THE LITTLE TOTS



Something in Rompers, or Pantee Dresses of good quality gingham, black sateen and silk would be nice to give this year. Wool dresses and suits make good warm gifts.

TOYS

It wouldn't be Christmas to the kiddies without a few toys, and here you can have your choice of inexpensive toys as well as better ones.

Dolls of all kinds and sizes for the little mother, including the popular Mama Doll, from 10c up

Beds, Carriages, Cradles, High Chairs, for girls.

Tea Sets in large size and smaller, china and painted tin sets that would be sure to please.

Pianos, Horns, Violins, Trumpets, Music Boxes, etc. for would-be musicians.

Trains on tracks, that will pass many hours.

Tops, Cars, Mechanical Toys, Guns, Engines, everything to delight a boy.

Games for everyone—Card games, shooting games, Ouija boards, crokinole boards, and many others.

Kiddie Cars, good substantial cars for young children; all wood or steel frame with rubber tired wheels.

There are too many to mention separately, but we can assure you that you will find a good selection here.

Hardware



Coleman Lamps and Lanterns

Here's an ideal gift for the household—a gift which will give a bright cheery light and years of service.

Lamps \$11.50 and \$13.00
Lanterns \$10.00
Mantels, each 10c

Give Cutlery this Christmas



Strops Itself

Valet Auto-Strop Razor—pocket edition, standard set. The regular \$5.00 razor, in leather case with 2 blades. Special \$1.49
Other models, \$4.50 and \$5
Gillett Razors, each 95c
For the man who prefers the Straight Razor

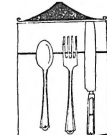


We have a splendid selection to choose from; Henry Boker's, Genco's and other makes, each \$2.50 to \$4.50

Razor Strops Razor Hones Mirrors

Toilet Clippers, each \$1.50 to \$3.75

Barber's Shears, \$1 to \$1.85
Stainless Steel



Knife and Fork Set—6 dinner knives, white square handles, Sheffield stainless steel blades; 6 stainless nickle silver forks, set \$8.25
Knife and Fork Sets, stainless, per set \$8.75, \$10.75
Stainless Knives, per half dozen \$3.75 to \$7.25
Stainless Forks, per half dozen \$2.15 and \$3.00
Table Spoons, half doz. \$3
Tea Spoons, half doz. \$1.15
Hand Sleighs 65c to \$3.95
Flashlights 95c to \$3.75
Pocket Knives 15c to \$3.25

ADVANCE NOTICE

As a matter of economy, we have arranged to close the store in January and February at 5.30, excepting on Saturdays, when the closing hour will be 9 o'clock as usual.

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WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY
EVENINGS

MEN'S NIGHT: On Wednesday evening a special opportunity for men to do their Xmas shopping...

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